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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE HAMBURG AND COPENHAGEN APPLE MARKETS

At the Hamburg auction on Thursday, December 18, barreled apple prices declined somewhat from those ruling last week, baskets held about the same, and boxes were up or down by varieties, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Boxed Jonathans made slight gains in price over last week, Spitzenbergs and Winter Bananas sold at about the same levels, and Winesaps, Romes and Ortleys showed some decline. Barreled apple prices are still somewhat above prices paid at this time last year, but boxes continue to sell at lower levels than last year. About 65,000 boxes, 1,100 baskets and 22,000 barrels were offered at the auction compared with 66,000 boxes, 23,000 baskets and 29,000 barrels last week. This diminution in supplies is a healthy one since there is usually a market decline during the Christmas holiday season in Europe, particularly in the United Kingdom. Mr. Motz reports that real animation in the market is lacking at present and that inquiry is more of the speculative nature.

Prices at Copenhagen on Tuesday, December 16 for boxed apples were on about the same levels or slightly below Hamburg prices. However, the Copenhagen market, when compared with Hamburg and Rotterdam, has been somewhat disappointing, according to Mr. Motz. Supplies of American apples have not been excessive but on the whole price levels have been on a lower plane than those ruling in nearby markets for American apples. Present values show some improvement, however, and the immediate outlook is favorable.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Hamburg and Copenhagen

Variety, grade and origin:		Hamburg	Copenhagen	Hamburg	
		1929	1930	1930	
		Dec. 12	Dec. 16	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
APPLES	BARRELS:	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Winesaps, Va.:		-	-	6.31-8.58	5.24-7.27
Staymans, Va.:		-	-	5.36-7.38	4.29-7.38
Yorks, Va.:		6.57-7.30	-	5.48-7.74	3.81-6.79
Baldwins, N. Y.		-	-	4.29-7.50	4.05-7.15
Ben Davis, N. Y.		4.62-5.35	-	4.29-6.79	3.93-6.67
	BASKETS:				
Staymans, Va.:		-	-	1.79-2.50	1.79-2.26
Black Twigs, Va.:		-	-	1.79-2.26	1.91-2.02
Winesaps, Va.:		-	-	1.91-2.50	2.26-2.38
Baldwins, N. Y.:		-	-	1.46-2.19	1.67-2.36
Ben Davis, N. Y.:		-	-	1.55-1.91	1.79-1.91
	BOXES:				
Winesaps, Washington:					
Extra Fancy 138/163		3.28-3.41	-	2.74-2.86	2.62-2.74
Extra Fancy 188/smaller		2.92-3.28	-	-	2.38-2.62
Fancy 138/163		2.92-3.04	a/2.31-2.55	2.62-2.74	2.38-2.50
Fancy 188/smaller		2.55-3.04	-	2.50	2.26-2.50
Jonathans, Washington:					
Extra Fancy 138/163		3.41-3.89	a/2.68-2.80	2.38-2.86	2.62-2.98
Extra Fancy 188/smaller		-	-	2.62-2.80	2.50-2.86
Fancy 138/163		-	a/2.55-2.68	2.38-2.74	2.38-2.62
Fancy 188/smaller		-	-	2.38-2.62	2.50-2.62
Baldwins, Washington:		-	-	-	1.43-2.14
Wagners, Washington:		-	-	-	1.91-2.28
Rome Beauty, Oregon:					
Extra Fancy 138/163		2.68-3.41	-	2.86-3.10	2.38-2.86
Extra Fancy 188/smaller		-	-	2.38-2.74	2.14-2.62
Fancy 138/163		-	-	2.50-2.62	2.14-2.62
Fancy 188/smaller		-	-	2.02-2.62	1.67-2.36
Newtowns, Oregon					
Extra Fancy 138/163		-	a/2.80-2.92	2.62-2.86	2.38-2.74
Fancy 138/163		-	-	2.26-2.50	2.38-2.50
Spitzenbergs, Oregon:					
Extra Fancy 138/163		3.28-4.01	b/2.31-2.43	2.62-2.74	2.50-2.74
Extra Fancy 188/smaller		-	-	2.50-2.62	2.50-2.74
Fancy 138/163		-	-	2.50	2.26-2.50
Fancy 188/smaller		-	-	2.14-2.50	2.38-2.50
Ortley, Oregon:					
Extra Fancy 138/163		-	a/2.86-2.98	3.33-4.05	2.98-3.33
Fancy 138/163		-	a/2.68-2.92	2.86-3.22	2.98-3.10
Winter Banana, Oregon:					
Extra Fancy 138/163		-	-	3.22	3.10-3.22
Fancy 138/163		-	-	2.62-3.10	2.98-3.10

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
a/150/175. b/ Combination Extra Fancy and Fancy 150/175.